

Faculty residence - petition

April 1916

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University of Toronto, April 15, 1916.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned residents and ex-residents of 85 St. George St., having learned of the decision to close up the Faculty Residence, beg to express to you their regret and to venture the hope that it is not intended permanently to abandon the plan of providing a house for the younger members of the staff. Lest it should be thought that this plan has not been a success, we desire also respectfully to call your attention to the following;

(1) So far as is known, not one resident of 85 St. George St. has left the house because dissatisfied with it.

(2) Previous to the outbreak of the war, there were almost continually as many men in residence as the house would accommodate.

(3) Even during the first year of the war (1914-15), for the greater part of the year there were only two (2) vacant rooms.

(4) The decline in the number in residence is directly due to the war, and the attendance may be expected to come back to normal after the war, as the following will show:

Residents of the Faculty Residence now on active service;

1. Capt. Geo. A.Cline, 1st Contingent C.E.F.
(Instructor in University Schools.)

-2- President R.A.Falconer.

2. Private Knight, 19th. Battalion C.E.F.
(Demonstrator in Dept. of Chemistry.)
3. Sergeant H.A.McTaggart, University Hospital.
(Lecturer, Dept. of Physics.)
4. Lieut. H.H.Hopkins, 2nd. Contingent C.E.F.
(Lecturer, S.P.S.)
5. Lieut. A.B.Fennell, 5th. Universities Company.
(Assistant Registrar.)
6. Lieut. Michele Catalano, Italian Army.
(Lecturer in Italian.)
7. Private H.S.Hayes, 26th. Battery.
(Secretary Students' Council.)
8. Lieut. G.M.Matheson,
(Trinity College.)
9. Lieut. S.P.Griffin, 169th. Battalion.
(Trinity College.)

All the above gentlemen would today be in residence were it not for the war. In addition, Mr. Ehrhardt, of the Department of Chemistry, would probably be here, but for employment as a chemist on war-work in England.

We do not need to point out the other advantages of this institution, such as those that come from the mingling of instructors in different faculties, and of leading graduates, or its place as an auxiliary to the Faculty Union: we feel, Sir, that the Faculty Residence has been an unqualified success, and should you decide not to abolish it, it will, when the war has closed, be so again.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

ARM Lower A.T.S.
Ol. Sanderson.

3 Signatures [Cont'd]

D. E. Hamilton. (U. T. S.)

Ross Taylor (Applied Science)

D. H. Stewart.

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